GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 161.10 ha. of forest land in Sri Satya Sai, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore and YSR Kadapa Divisions in favour of Project Director, PIU Amaravati for development of express ways, economic corridors and inter corridors under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot -10): Bengaluru-Kadapa-Vijayawada Economic Corridor: NH 544G (from km 0.000 to km 342.500) in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Permission Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 21 **Dated: 08-04-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref. no. EFS02-15026/9/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 22.12.2023 and even no.dated 27.12.2023.
2)State Govt. Letter No.2906/Sec.II/2023/2307838, dated 05.01.2024.
3)From GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/ROAD/438441/2023, dated 31.01.2024.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/46/2021-FCA-1, dated 04.02.2025.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.2906/Sec.II/2023/2307838, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 14.02.2025.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/ROAD/438441/2023, dated 06.03.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 161.10 ha. of forest land in Sri Satya Sai, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore and YSR Kadapa Divisions in favour of Project Director, PIU Amaravati for development of express ways, economic corridors and inter corridors under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot -10): Bengaluru-Kadapa-Vijayawada Economic Corridor: NH 544G (from km 0.000 to km 342.500) in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for according in-principle approval under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and has requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the stipulated time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the issue of final approval for the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the

grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, has accorded final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 161.10 ha. of forest land in Sri Satya Sai, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore and YSR Kadapa Divisions in favour of Project Director, PIU Amaravati for development of express ways, economic corridors and inter corridors under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot -10): Bengaluru-Kadapa-Vijayawada Economic Corridor: NH 544G (from km 0.000 to km 342.500) in the State of Andhra Pradesh, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 161.10 ha. of forest land in Sri Satya Sai, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore and YSR Kadapa Divisions in favour of Project Director, PIU Amaravati for development of express ways, economic corridors and inter corridors under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot -10): Bengaluru-Kadapa-Vijayawada Economic Corridor: NH 544G (from km 0.000 to km 342.500) in the State of Andhra Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:-

1. **General Conditions: -**

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.3	Suitable signages for speed regulation and animal safety will be erected along the road through forest areas.
1.4	Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
1.5	No Manpower/workforce camp shall be established on the forest land by the User Agency and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure the workforce and the staff engaged in execution of the work shall not resort to activities detrimental to wildlife like hunting and teasing and also provide alternate fuel to workforce working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling.
1.6	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.8	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **161.10 ha.**
1.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.10	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.11	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior to the Central Government.
1.12	User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
1.13	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.14	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
1.15	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to

	the project.
1.16	The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Act, 2006, before issue of working permission and diversion as case may be.
1.17	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.18	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. **Standard conditions**

S.No.	**Conditions**
2.1	The user agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 7-10 years. The user agency shall also submit design of providing at least 2-3 rows of long rotation indigenous trees, as per provision of IRC-SP-21-2009 (Guidelines on landscaping & tree plantation), on either side of the road.
2.2	Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
2.3	The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
2.4	The User agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.
2.5	The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals

3. **Specific conditions**

S.No.	**Conditions**
3.1	The wildlife mitigation measures as approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden / SC-NBWL shall be strictly implemented at the cost of User Agency,
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS ID's
3.3	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3.4	Muck disposal to be done outside forest area as per the plan submitted by the NHAI. The User Agency shall implement the scheme approved by the Forest Department for taking up plantation if any, in the muck disposal area.
3.5	The User Agency shall resort to controlled blasting only wherever inevitable with the knowledge of DFO of concerned division and no harm should be done to the wildlife in the territory.
3.6	Roadside cuttings and fillings which requires slope stabilization shall be taken up whenever deep cuttings are proposed through engineering and vegetative measures by consulting the DFO concerned at the Project Cost.
3.7	Single elevated structure of 100 meters may be provided in Dokkalakonda RF for animal passage along with other recommendations if any, of SC-NBWL.
3.8	The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory afforestation, both NFL and DFL at designated sites of respective Divisions with approved CA

	schemes at the cost of User Agency and the Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
3.9	Additional amount of NPV of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
3.10	Trees that are enumerated for felling shall be felled under the strict supervision of the DFO concerned. Effort should be made to translocate mature trees which can survive, wherever feasible and planted in forest land following due care and further maintenance at the cost of User Agency.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

1.The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, 4th Floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.
4. The Project Director, NHAI, PIU – Amaravati, 136A, 106 & 107, Vasantha Residency, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Colony, Mangalagiri-522503.
5. SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER